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FOR AF DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP, ZA (KAUNDA, KENNETH)
SUBJ: FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT ENCOUNTER WITH SOVIET DIPLOMAT

REF: LUSAKA 0679

1. A LUSAKA BASED FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT TOLD PAO MARCH 6
THAT HE HAD HAD LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET EMBASSY
COUNSELLOR SMIRNOFF MARCH 3. SMIRNOFF TOLD CORRESPONDENT
THAT ZAMBIAN PRESIDENT KAUNDA WOULD BE TRAVELING TO THE
UNITED STATES ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT IN MAY AND EXPRESSED
SOVIET "CONCERN" ABOUT SUCH A VISIT. CORRESPONDENT TOLD
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PAO THAT RUSSIANS SAY THEY ARE SURE U.S. WILL GIVE ZAMBIA
GENEROUS GRANT FOR LEVERAGE TO GET ZAMBIA TO PRESSURE NKOMO
TO JOIN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

2. COMMENT: SOVIET INTEREST IN VISIT RAISES THE STAKES.
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO POSTPONE OR CANCEL IT WE CAN BE SURE
THEY WILL TAKE FULL POLITICAL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY

TO MAKE THEIR POINTS. THEIR CONCERN OVER IT INDICATES HOW
IMPORTANT AN INFLUENCE THEY BELIEVE IT COULD HAVE.
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